

(c) The Department of Telecommunications has formulated draft 8th Five Year Plan for telecommunication development and it is envisaged:

to provide telephone connections on demand in rural and tribal areas;

that waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years in large systems.

Accordingly, expansion plans are being drawn to fulfil the above objectives during the 8th Plan period.

(d) The number of public telephone booths established during the last three years in Sonepat district:

	1989	1990	1991
S.T.D.	1	2	8
Local Public Telephones	8	Nil	18

Stopping of Production of new Programmes by Doordarshan

2896. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of new programmes has been stopped by the Doordarshan since the last four months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the names of new programmes produced by Doordarshan during the last five months and by when these are likely to be telecast?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):

(a) No, Sir. Doordarshan continues to produce programmes as per their requirements.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All Doordarshan Kendras with programme production facilities regularly produce and telecast programmes on various themes/subjects in different formats. No centralised list of such programmes is maintained.

Shortage of Power in Gujarat

2897. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several industries have closed down due to shortage of electricity in Surat and Baroda districts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the number of such industries during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken for providing adequate electricity in Surat and Baroda districts of Gujarat during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAJ): (a) and (b). During the period April-October, 91, the energy shortage in Gujarat was 3.5%. Power supply to various consumers is decided by the State authorities, keeping in view the overall demand for power and its availability. Industrial production/performance of industry depends upon various factors such as availability of raw material, demand for the product, industrial relations, management efficiency etc., and power shortage is only one of the contributing factors.

(c) 613 MW capacity has been added during the last 3 years in Gujarat. In addition, the State has also got its due share from the central Stations in operation in Western Region and assistance was also provided from the neighboring Systems/States.

Speed Post Facility in Gujarat

2898. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities which are having 'speed post facility' in Gujarat and the number of those cities where this facility does not exist;

(b) the number of cities where Government propose to introduce speed post service during 1992; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Speed Post facility is available in the following 3 cities/towns under national network and 9 cities/towns under point to point speed post service:-

1. Under National Network

Ahmedabad, Surat and Vadodra.

2. Under Point to Point Speed Post Service

Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Gandhidham, Kandia, Kandia Free Trade Zone, Jamnagar, Surender Nagar, Ankleshwar and Vapi.

The facility does not exist in other cities of Gujarat.

(b) There is no proposal for the present to introduce speed post service in any other city/town in Gujarat.

(c) Non availability of suitable transmission network and traffic viability are the reasons for not introducing speed post service in other cities.

Telephones to Gram Panchayats in Gujarat

2899. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when the scheme to provide one telephone to each gram panchayat was introduced; and

(b) the details of the telephones provided so far to gram panchayats in Gujarat, district-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) January 1991.

(b) The details of the telephone provided upon 31.11.91 to Gram Panchayat Villages in Gujarat district-wise are given below:-

1.	Ahmedabad	145
2.	Ambreli	150
3.	Banaskantha	159
4.	Bhavnagar	153
5.	Bharuch	126
6.	Jamnagar	145
7.	Unjagarh	221
8.	Khera	226